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**RE: Open records request (Log 18-113 received 10/26/2018)**

Dear Ms. Ram,

Your open records request was received by the Department of Corrections on October 26, 2018.  
You requested the following:

*"Pursuant to the Kentucky Open Records Act, I hereby request the following records:*

- 1. Any informational and educational materials distributed in correctional facilities about housing options available to inmates post-release*
- 2. Any currently valid policies/procedures detailing Department reentry services specific to accessing housing options post-release*
- 3. Any statistical reports detailing admission and release trends from between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017*
- 4. Any statistical reports detailing recidivism data from between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017*
- 5. Any statistical reports regarding inmates' housing status prior to and following commitment to the Department from between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017*

*Please provide materials from all state correctional facilities and on a rolling basis, as they become available.*

*If you have any questions, please feel free to clarify via phone at 610-637-7745.*

*The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.*

*In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.*

*Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 3 business days, as the statute requires.*

Regarding items 1 and 5, please be advised that there are no documents that are maintained by the Department of Corrections central office in Frankfort, Kentucky that are responsive to your request. A public agency cannot afford a requester access to a record that it does not have or which does not exist. 99-ORD-98. Therefore, the agency discharges its duty under the Open Records Act by affirmatively so stating. 04-ORD-43; 99-ORD-150.

Regarding items 2 and 3, please visit the Kentucky Department of Corrections website, which contains policies, reentry resource materials, and statistical reports (links provided below).

<https://corrections.ky.gov/About/cpp/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://corrections.ky.gov/Reentry/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://corrections.ky.gov/About/researchandstats/Pages/default.aspx>

Additionally, regarding item 3 we do have a one page document illustrating admission trends that includes the year 2017. We are enclosing this document with this letter as a courtesy.

Regarding item 4, we do not have reports on 2017 recidivism rates at this time since it is too soon to have this data.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katherine Williams  
Open Records Request Coordinator  
Kentucky Department of Corrections